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Zul Hijjah

The Month of Hajj & Qurbani

Alhamdulillah, we have now entered the months of Hajj. Many of the Hujjaaj (people going for hajj) have already left and will only be returning after Eidul Adha.

Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) has said that the entire building of Islam is built upon five pillars, i.e. Imaan, Salaah, Zakaat, Fasting and Hajj.

Hajj is the fifth pillar of Islam. Allah Ta'ala has made Hajj compulsory once in a lifetime upon all Muslims who can afford to go.

The days of Hajj are the 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th of Zul Hijjah. During the 5 days of Hajj, the Hujjaaj go to different places like Makkah, Mina, Arafah and Muzdalifah where they perform some special acts of Ibaadah.

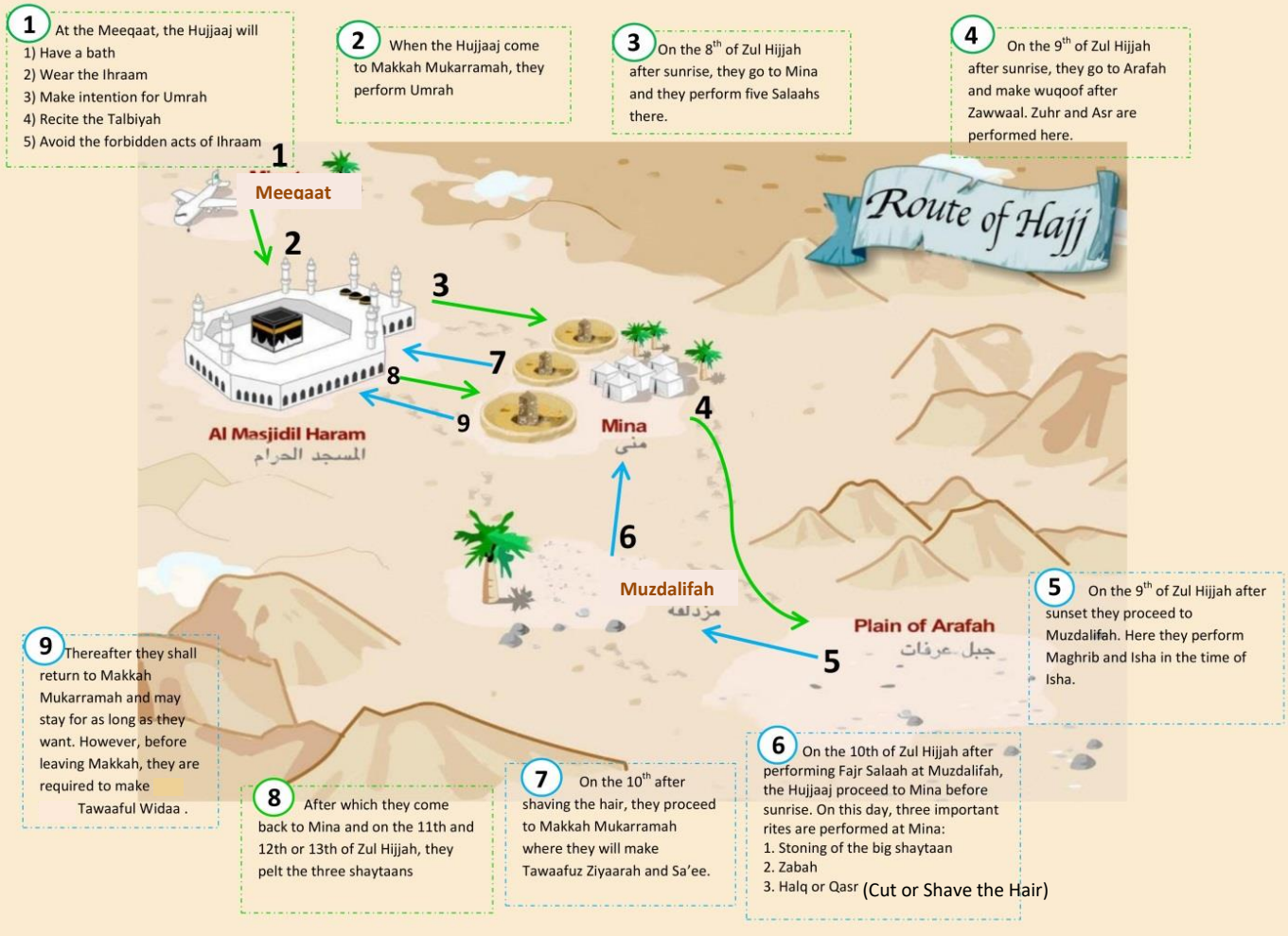
We should make dua to Allah Ta'ala to also take us for Hajj one day, inshaAllah.

Virtues of Hajj

Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) has said, "The one who performs hajj for the sake of pleasing Allah Ta'ala and does not utter any evil word while performing his Hajj, nor commits any evil deed, he shall return from it free of sins like the day his mother gave birth to him."

Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) also said, "Surely there shall be no reward for an accepted hajj except Jannah."

A Brief Description of The Five Days of Hajj


1 At the Meeqaat, the Hujjaaj will
1) Have a bath
2) Wear the Ihraam
3) Make intention for Umrah
4) Recite the Talbiyah
5) Avoid the forbidden acts of Ihraam
2 When the Hujjaaj come to Makkah Mukarramah, they perform Umrah
3 On the 8th of Zul Hijjah after sunrise, they go to Mina and they perform five Salaahs there.
4 On the 9th of Zul Hijjah after sunrise, they go to Arafah and make wuqoof after Zawwaal. Zuhr and Asr are performed here.
Route of Hajj
Meeqaat
Al Masjidil Haram
المسجد الحرام
Mina
منى
Muzdalifah
مزدلفه
Plain of Arafah
جبل عرفات
5 On the 9th of Zul Hijjah after sunset they proceed to Muzdalifah. Here they perform Maghrib and Isha in the time of Isha.
6 On the 10th of Zul Hijjah after performing Fajr Salaah at Muzdalifah, the Hujjaaj proceed to Mina before sunrise. On this day, three important rites are performed at Mina:
1. Stoning of the big shaytaan
2. Zabah
3. Halq or Qasr (Cut or Shave the Hair)
7 On the 10th after shaving the hair, they proceed to Makkah Mukarramah where they will make Tawaafuz Ziyaarah and Sa'ee.
8 After which they come back to Mina and on the 11th and 12th or 13th of Zul Hijjah, they pelt the three shaytaans
9 Thereafter they shall return to Makkah Mukarramah and may stay for as long as they want. However, before leaving Makkah, they are required to make Tawaaful Widaa .

What Can we do to get the Reward of Hajj

ISHRAAQ SALAAH

Hadhrat Anas Ibn Malik (radiyallahu anhu) reports that Nabi (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) said:

"Whoever offers his Fajr Salaah with jamaat, and then remains seated remembering Allah Ta'ala until after sunrise, and then he offers two rakaats of salaah (Ishraaq), will receive the reward of one complete Haj and one complete 'Umrah"

Nabi (sallallahu 'alayhi wa sallam) repeated the word "complete" thrice. (Tirmidhi: 586)

SERVING ONE'S MOTHER

Hadhrat Anas (radiyallahu anhu) reports that a man came to Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) and said: "I wish to participate in Jihaad, but I cannot afford it."

Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wa sallam) enquired if any of his parents were alive, to which he said: "Yes! My mother is alive"

Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) said:

"Show Allah how you serve her. If you do so (sincerely) you will be like a: Haji, a Mu'tamir (one doing 'Umrah) and a Mujaahid (One striving in Allah's way)."

The above Hadith proves that one who cares for his/her parents, will indeed receive the rewards of Haj, 'Umrah and striving in Allah's way.

5 Important Points about

The Month of Zul Hijjah

1) Ten Great Nights

The first ten days of Zul Hijjah are very great and sacred in the sight of Allah Ta'ala.

It is reported in one Hadith that Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) has mentioned,

"No good action is loved more by Allah Ta'ala than those good actions that are performed in the first ten days of Zul Hijjah", whether it be Nafal Salaah, Zikr, Charity, recitation of the Quraan Shareef, etc.

In another Hadith it is mentioned that if one fasts on any one of these ten days (excluding the tenth of Zul Hijjah as this is the day of Eid), he will receive the reward of fasting for an entire year. Likewise, if a person makes Ibaadah on one of these nights, he will receive the reward of making Ibaadah on Laylatul Qadr.

3) Fasting on the 9th of Zul Hijjah (Day of Arafah)

It is mustahab to fast on the 9th of Zul Hijjah. Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) has said, "The person who fasts on the 9th of Zul Hijjah, Allah Ta'ala will forgive his past years sins as well as his sins of the coming year."

5) Sunnats on the Day of Eidul Adha

1. To take a bath.
2. To use miswaak.
3. To put on one's best clothes. (not necessarily new).
4. To apply Itr.
5. To go to the Eid Gaah (Musalla) by foot.
6. To say the Takbeer aloud whilst going for Eid Salaah.
7. To go by one route and return by another.
8. To perform Eid Salaah at the Eid Gaah.
9. Not to eat anything before the Eid Salaah.
10. The first thing that one should eat on the day of Eid is the liver of the Qurbani animal.

2) Takbeer-e-Tashreeq

اَللّٰهُ اَكْبَرْ اَللّٰهُ اَكْبَرْ لَا اِلٰهَ اِلَّا اللّٰهُ وَاللّٰهُ اَكْبَرْ

اَللّٰهُ اَكْبَرْ وَلِلّٰهِ الْحَمْدُ

The above takbeer is called Takbeer-e-Tashreeq. It is read on the days of Hajj. It is waajib (necessary) for every adult male and female to recite this takbeer once after every Fardh Salaah, from the Fajr of the 9th of Zul Hijjah to the Asr on the 13th of Zul Hijjah. (A total of 23 Salaah)

Males will recite it loudly after the Fardh Salaah, whilst females will recite it softly.

4) The Night Before Eid

Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) has said, "That person who remains awake in the ibaadat of Allah Ta'ala on the night before the two Eids, his heart will not die on the day that all other hearts will die."

Everyone of us should try and spend at least some time during the night before Eidul Adha in the ibaadat (worship) of Allah Ta'ala by performing Nafal Salaah, reciting the Quraan, making zikr and making dua. By spending some part of this night in ibaadat, we will Insha Allah receive the benefits of this Hadith.

It is mustahab (desirable) for one who intends to perform Qurbaani to refrain from cutting the hair or clipping the nails from the 1st of Zul Hijjah up to the 10th of Zul Hijjah, (i.e. until after one has performed Qurbaani).

Qurbani

The Ibaadat of Zul Hijjah

Thousands of Muslims all over the world will be celebrating Eid ul Adhaa by slaughtering animals in the name of Allah Ta'ala.

The days of Qurbaani are the 10th, 11th and 12th of Zul Hijjah.

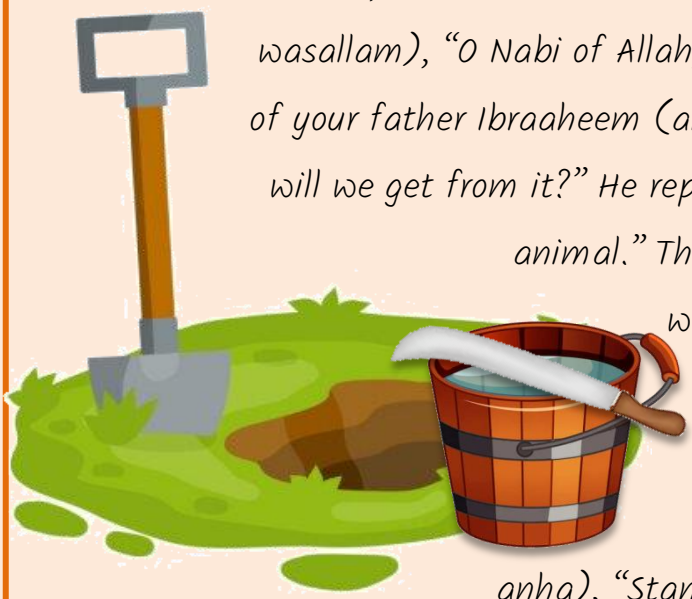
The ibaadat of Qurbaani once again reminds us of the incident of Hadhrat Ibraaheem (alayhis salaam) and Hadhrat Ismaaeel (alayhis salaam).

The object of Qurbaani is to attain Taqwa (that is, we should be conscious of Allah Ta'ala all the time).

We should request our parents and grand-parents to also sacrifice an animal at home this qurbaani, so we can witness this great ibaadat.

Virtues of Qurbaani

Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) has said: "There is no deed that is more beloved to Allah Ta'ala on Eid ul Adha than spilling the blood of an animal. (i.e. making Qurbaani). Verily the qurbaani animal will come on the day of Qiyaamah with it's horns, hooves and it's hair (to be weighed)."



Once, the Sahaabah (radiyallahu anhum) asked Nabi (sallallahu alayhi wasallam), "O Nabi of Allah, what is Qurbaani?" He replied, "It is the sunnah of your father Ibraaheem (alayhis salaam)." They then asked, "What benefit will we get from it?" He replied, "A reward for every hair of the sacrificed animal." They then asked, "And what about an animal with wool?" Nabi sallallahu alayhi wasallam replied, "A reward for every fibre of wool."

Once Nabi (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) told his beloved daughter Hadhrat Fatimah (radiyallahu anha), "Stand by your animal when it is being slaughtered, for verily all your past sins will be forgiven with (the fall of) the first drop of blood.